

The Spreading Eagle and the Impossible Unicorn. The Topeka Capital remarks that "Marsh Murdock will note with delight the splendid fighting qualities exhibited by the Canadian troops in South Africa; for some day Marsh expects to see the Canucks fighting under the old

Star Spangled Banner.' Abraham Lincoln declared that this nation could not exist half free and half slave. Providence and the sword onstrated that statesman's wisdom, as after experience proved its righteousness. The North American continent cannot remain half Independent and half Dependent. This Republic must cease to grow and finally shrink, or the crown colony cease to exist as such. Will the Capital, for the sake of a future verification of the wisdom or foolishness of the above declaration, please call the attention of its most promising grandchild to it? The Boer patriot, Cronje, has been defeated, and by English arms, in whose assault the Canuck consingent was particularly conspicuous. But that Canuck contingent did not consist of a Latin and an Indian cross-breed, but of an Anglo-Saxon strain, bred on American soil and inspired by American example, Their place is beneath the Stars and Stripes, and not under the standard of a hereditary crown with its royal banner of rampant lions and impossible unicorns.

#### Kansas City Laughs Over Tardy Kicks.

Of course Kansas City did not bunco the Democratic party, or work off a gold brick on its national committee, but following its successful coup comes a few well defined howls. The first is from the New York Sun, which takes up hotel keeper for a reserved room in which to celebrate the next Fourth of July. The landlord wrote back that he could be accommodated to a hall bedroom for \$25 per day. Of course the St. Louis, the Wichita and the Chicago delegations can stand this figure, but the diamond-studded sons of Tammany will rage. Close upon the heels of the Sun's vigorous protest come the railways with an urgent request that the date of the convention be changed, as they all expect to be very busy hauling the other fellows about privilege of spending twenty-four hours in Kansas City is strengthen her friendly relations with the United States. well worth any man's \$25, which is scarcely more than \$1 an hour. The convention was secured and the date has been fixed, and the current balance of Kansas City's bank account will show a gratifying increase on the 7th of July, er some morning thereabouts.

#### Preserve the Game and Birds.

The bill introduced by Congressman Sherman, of New York invoking the power of the Interstate Commerce Comnot an every day thing that a gleam of horse sense is found mends itself to ordinary comprehension and conserves any universal interest it should be put into the unanimous consent chute and shunted through. The Sherman bill, which region will also have gone the way of the cik, the mountain sheep and buffalo, the antelope and prairle chicken.

### The Whirligigging of the Thing,

political boards in the First congressional district of Kansag seems to call for farther explanations. Curtis was saved, and Cyrus was cooked to a turn, but there has arisen mysits delegations respectively to the state and congressional ty conventions both refused to endorse the state adminis. | nineleenth century can show. appear in the published proceedings. To say that the fall, ure was incidental or an oversight will hardly satisfy. Has the First district resolved upon something drastic which it proposes to encompass alone, and unaided, or have the fellows up there gone daft over the string game worked on them by Topeka?

### "But It Was a Famous Victory."

London went wild, and all England had a hysterical fit, night before last. Why, the glorious victory of Lord Rob. ourse. Cronje and three thousand Boers surren-But to what? To forty-five thousand British soldiers. The Boers had fifteen little guns eight of them one- Islands. pounders. General Lord Bobs' forty-five thousand men were backed by one hundred and ten great guns, some of them of six-inch calibre. The British lost 1500 men of that now. 45,000 in subduing 5,000 farmers. The edds against the Boer was simply tremendous and overwhelming. And still Eng. lot of jubilating that was not scheduled before the war beland talks of superior generalship. Fifteen men to one gan. could hardly fail of victory, with no general within 45,000 miles. It was a great victory to climb poles for, and to get weight and the heavyweight's friends are going insone with

### His Peace Loving Disposition.

The young Crar is as much a lover of peace as some of his ancestors were of war. He dreads builties and abbors they did not make special mention of the Island of Sulu. the killing of men. Hence there remains little doubt of the honesty of the efforts he put forth to have the great powers dishand their armies. The peace conference at The Hague was signafized by fallure and made a ridicule by the wars which immediately followed. But the news items from St. Petersburg tend to show that the peace-lowing disposition | and fight from their door-steps. of the Czar has been the only thing to stand between Great Britain and such Russian aggressiveness in central Asia Great Britain.

as must either have brought on war between the two largest empires of the world or else must have shaken England's position in India in amost alarming manner.. But Nicholas II, is apparently determined to live up to his professed condemnation of war.

#### Keep Sending Petitions to Congress,

The average petition to congress proves a fake, a bore, and is, as a prayer, utterly futile. Petitions are sent to congress for almost every imaginable interest possible to subserve by law. These are received, presented and packed away in attics and by-places, finally disappearing in decay Of old there was the slavery and the temperance agitations and many others. But a year or two ago there was the Cuban demonstration, and later the anti-Roberts flood of petitions. As an instance of the fake petitions: Previous to the war with Spain, congress was deluged with petitions urging intervention in Cuba. One day a certain New York representative made a characteristic speech in the house and called the attention of his colleagues to a monster petition purporting to contain nearly 4,000,000 names, that he presented as the sentiment of the country favoring intervention. The petition was mounted in a great reel and was resplendent with American and Cuban flags. For several days it stood in an adjacent room and was viewed by thousands. Finally some inquisitive clerks took upon themselves the task of counting the names. When the petition was unrolled the entire center was found to be a blank Instead of millions of names, the petition contained, by actual count, but 11,000, and the most of them were evidently written by half a dozen persons.

#### Two Mysterious Boxes.

Two mysterious boxes will be opened this year at the British Museum. One was left in 1834 by Mr. Douce, who had been keeper of manuscripts, to be opened in 1999, and no one knows its contents. The other contains the papers of Lord Broughton, better known as Sir John Cam Hubbonsa Byron's friend and three times a cabinet minister. He died the case of a St. Louis boss who had written a Kansas City | in 1863, leaving his diarles, correspondence and memoranda to the museum, with directions not to open them till 1900.

#### Nineteenth Century Achievements--International Law.

In the domain of jurisprudence there has been marked progress during the century, and especially in the field of international law. Not only has clearness taken the place of vagueness, but new rules, necessitated by the march of modern events, have also been laid down. The most notable step in this direction was taken in 1871. In that year the purely international obligations of belligerents were the subject of protracted discussions between England and America, owing to the depredations that had been committed by Confederate cruisers on American commerce, and the remarkable fact is that by the treaty of Washington the arbitrator, to whom all the questions at issue were referred, was directed to apply to them not only the rules of the law of nations, but also three new rules which England at least could not admit as being in force when the claims arose, but which she acceded to as a proof of her desire to

By these rules or principles, which now virtually become law for the first time, a neutral government is bound (1) to use due diligence to prevent the fitting out, arming or equipping within its jurisdiction of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or to carry on war against a power with which it is at peace, and to use like diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any vessel intended to cruise or carry on war as above, such vessel having in whole or in part been fitted for warlike use within its jurisdiction; (2) it is bound not to allow either belligerent to make use of its ports or waters as a base of operations against the other, or for the purpose military supplies, and (3) it is bound to exercise due dili gence in its own ports and waters and in regard to all perons within its jurisdiction, with the object of preventing any violation of the foregoing duties and obligations.

These rules aroused much criticism in England, and embedded anywhere in the bills which are daily introduced mainly for two reasons. It was claimed, first, that they were ex post facto rules, and, second, that the words defining liability ("due diligence") were vague and open to unforeseen constructions. Nevertheless, these rules have been generally accepted, and one important principle has especially been established beyond dispute—namely, that the control of a neutral government of the control of the contr was mentioned in yesterdays' dispatches as having received or nation in any given case, its failure to fulfill them is not excused by defects of municipal law or by successful eva-It is maintained that neutral governments ought to make their laws conformable to their international in other words, that railway and express companies will be If they fall to do so, and injury to beiligerents results, they duties, and ought to compel their subjects to obey them, are held responsible under the law of nations.

It was the United States, indeed, which pointed out some of the most important rights and duties of neutral nations. An act of congress was passed in 1791, and was reenacted is 1818, which made it a misdemeanor for any person within the jurisdiction of the United States "to augment the force of any armed vessel belonging to one foreign power at war with another power with whom they are at sence, or to prepare any military expedition against the territories of any foreign nations with whom they are at peace, or enlist troops or seamen for foreign military or naval service, or to be concerned in fitting out any vessel to cruise or commit hostilities on foreign service," etc. was fitting that this principle should have been first clearly enunciated by a young republic and one which has always proved herself a chief representative and champion of neutral rights.

Within recent years the principle of international arbi-The anti contortion exemplification lately put on the tration has come wonderfully to the front, and there are same who may claim that in the history of international law during the century nothing is more remarkable than the Peace Congress which was held at The Hague. This is in a sense unquestionably true, for even though the era of ersal peace and general disarmament which some optimists foresee may not be inaugurated as a result of the congress' labors, the mere fact that the great nations of the earth have united in such a work is one of the most unmistakable proofs of progress in this direction which the

The Cristobal Colon, off the coast of Cuba, has slipped Leland machine, or is opposed to Curtis, or what, does not into deep water and is gone forever. This is what comes of competition having been too sharp between Schley and Captain Clark, of the Oregon.

> From the outbreak of joy following the relief of Lady. suith Great Britain has shown the world that she was a great deal more frightened than any one supposed.

In war things never happen as advertised. Ladysmith did not fall in the midst of a murderous assault, and it was not relieved by a daring sally.

The men who were in Ladysmith will now have a few ed the Lesser Antiles. The Captain, who ses of testimony to add in support of that great assertion at war is something very warm.

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ongress should kill any scheme to pay Lillouetcetera of Hawali, \$550,000 for a quit-claim deed to the Sandwich

It is not likely that the Boers ever had on their side the chance of outside intervention. It is not even a possibility

At all events the Boers are making the English do a

A heavyweight has landed a single blaw on a feather.

Huller as a river crosser finally rivaled Funston, expt that Punston didn't use the same river all the time.

however, the junitor slightly unbent.

Something was the matter with the tackle, he said about not it tackle to take the trouble to tell that fellow so, "-Chi-

copt that Punston didn't use the same river all the time. The Democrate of Utah resolved against expansion, but

Buller finally feels worthy of that hand shake the Prince of Wales gave him just as he was leaving England.

Apparently Otis has concluded not to dignify that insurrection by the name of war.

About the only thing left for the Boers is to go hom

The United States, in victory, is more conservative than

#### Bravery Rewarded,

Gertrude Marshall drove her father to and from his office on days when it was pleasant-enough for an open carriage. She was a good horsewoman, but one day a newspaper biew up to be borse's face and he beited. They had gone a couple of hundred yards when a young man leaped from the sidewaik and fung himself at the horse's head. The horse dragged him a few feet and then stopped, panting and trembling. Turough it all Gertrude clung to the reins, and, though her face and lips were write, she did not faint. After brushing his though her face and lips were wanted she did not faint. After brushing his clothes a bit the young ban inquired if the fair occupant of the carriage were

"Not hurt," said Gertrude, in a voice that trembled, "but rather frightened. Would it be asking too much that you drive me to my father's office?"

The young man took his seat by her idde, and the rose now perfectly docile, and the rose no further trouble, and they eached their destination safely. The oung fellow preserved a distant silence uring the drive, and when she alighted from the carriage Gartrude saw that he was anxious to get away. But she had decided that her father must thank him in some way for his timely aid and bra-

hate to bother you further," she "but would you take me in and find They found Mr. Marshall just getting nto his coat when they reached the

"Papa," said the girl, "the horse ran away just now and this young man stop-ped him at the risk of his life and then drove me here. I want you to thank him," and the old man saw by his child's eyes that something more than mere thanks must be given her rescuer. "It was nothing, sir,' began the young

"Nothing," blustered Mr. Marshall, "nothing to save my daughter's life? Had anything happened to Gertrude I should have gone crazy, sir. I cannot thank you enough. Words are of no avail in these cases. Come to dinner with us now and we will talk it over." Gertrude, standing beside her father, patted his big arm as she gently second-

ed the invitation.
"I thank you both," said the young man, "but I must return to the office. I was on business when fate put it in my way to render a small service to your

"May I ask what office you are in-as the bluff banker.

Mr. Marshall felt a gentle pressure on his arm and inquired if the young man should care to change his position for one which would be more lucrative to him. The young man's eyes brightened at once. "Now, see here," said Mr. Marchall, after he had heard the few words Ger-trude whispered in his ear, "for some time I have been looking for a man who writes a good hand, who is quick and trustworthy (and I know you are that). In short, I want a confidential clerk and private secretary combined. Would you be willing to accept such a position?"
"Mr. Marshi," said Gerald Allen, with flushed face. "I fear you will find that too great a reward for my assistance to-

"Tut. tut." said the old man; "I cannot reward you for that, but you will accept my offer?"

With thanks, sir,' said Gerald, "Then, I will speak to Blank and you an take your position here next week. In the meantime we will look for you at

inch on Sunday."
Thus it was that Gerald Allen rose from a poorly paid cierk in a small office to a calaried private secretary in one of the argest banking houses in Beston, and thus it was that he met Mr. Marshall's gentic daughter and lost his large, hon-est heart to her. But he would not tell her of his honest love, because he regarded himself as being in a lower sphere in life than his divinity; while the pretty entrude wondered if she had given her affections to a man who was indifferent to her. \* \*

One morning Mr. Marshall asked hisbut I have not heard from him for

n the morning paper inquiring for relatives of the late Oscar Alien. Inquiry of the lawyer who had charge of the de-ceased man's affairs showed that Geraid consect man's alpairs showed that Geraid was heir to almost half a million of dol-lars. When Geraid heard this he almost shouted for joy, for now he could woo his little sweetheart without feeling that

Accordingly, that afternoon he betook simself to her home and found her seati by the open window embroidering a sinty bit of linen. Something in the young man's eves or

manner gave the girl an inkling of what was coming, and she talked of all subects under the sun, and so gayly and apidly that he could not guess how her

"Gertrude," he said at last, "let me talk now. I came here to ask you to be my wife. I love you, dear, oh, so much. Ever since the day I first drove by your side until now. I feel I must speak or go mad. Can you not love me a little 'Not a little bit," said Gertrude, softly,

"but a great deal," and she hid her pretty rosy face in her lover's shoulder.

#### Newspaper Waits, A Query.-Edith-"He says if I don't marry him he-he doesn't know what he'll do!" Ethel-"Ah, has the poor fe-

ow to trade?'-Puck. Sandy Pikes-"What did yer feel like when de farmer pulled yer out of de well?" Billy Coalgate-"I fait like I waz brought up on a farm."-Chicago News. Realistic Music. "Any new features at the musicale?" "Oh, yes; Mr. Brisque sang 'Old Kentucky Home' with a pistol

bligate."—Indianapolis Journal. Six Months After Marringe.—"Weel. wiel, Sandy, how d'ye like the little lady?" "Ah, weel, Aloc, I'll nae deny that she has fine conversational powers."

Minister-"What do you think of that, June? That counte only gave me a do lar for marrying them! Wife-Weil.

Expansion.-"Madam," said the agent, Axyansson.— Missan, Sala in agent, about Topeks, are as intense and I am scaling a condensed fastory of the United States. May I show— "No," the Interrupted, "we don't want anything to distinguish any difference a condensed. We've decisied to give up our flat and take a house this spring."

Chicago Times-Herald. "What have you got your flog at half-ast for?" inquired somebody from across the way. "That isn't the appro-priate thing for George Washington's Register: "An aggregation of the young building in his haughtlest manner. George Washington's deag, len't her. They got a sieight Then show starts out to get girls, of course, had to make the day to the parties out to get girls, of course, had to make the families the lamiter slightly unbest.

#### Outlines of Oklahoma.

The Democrate of Okiahoma City will hold their primaries March 15. The society editors in Oklahoma pay more attention to Lent than anybody

The appraisers of the Otoe lands are at work preparing for the leasing of the

There were some cattle losses from the weather by Oklahoma cattlemen during

Oklahoma City will order Rough Rider

The grading on the Rock Island west-ward from Mountain View to Greer coun-ty has begun. Governor Renfrow has returned from the mining regions of Missouri to Okla-

oma City, Ill. ause Senator Ailison of Iowa is opposed to free homes.

One firm has shipped 300 wagon loads of goods from Penca City to Gray Horse during the past year. There were 18,000 bushels of wheat in the mill which burned at Newkirk, most of which was damaged.

Stinnett, the man convicted at Okla-nema City for shooting his step-daugher, will be sentenced today.

Robert Chiborne and J. W. Walker have been convicted at Oklahoma City of burglarizing a jewelry store. Martin Bates, charged with murder at Oklahoma City, has been granted a change of venue to Canadian county.

The Newkirk Herald carries the name of George Fred Williams of Massachu-setts as its candidate for vice-president. Whenever Oklahoma City wants to do mething and doesn't know just how to do it she goes and asks Henry Over-

It is said that Charley Colcord of Oklahoma City announces that he will be one of twenty-five men to give \$2,000 each for he erection of a cotton mill. Dr. J. G. Street of Oklahoma City shaved off his beard, and when he went to the postofice for his mail the cierk.

to the postoffice for his mail the cierk, an old friend, made him prove his iden-Two boys attending the Methodis church at Arimore quarreled and one boy stabled the other, probably fatally. Ben Weeks is the boy stabled; John Law

the boy who stabbed him. "May I ask what office you are in—as ilso your name, young man?" inquired he bluff banker.
"My name, sir, is Gerald Allen, and am a mere clerk in Blank & Co.'s iffice."
Mr. Marshall felt a gentle pressure on the Chocisw, waited for his bride, Miss Florence Snyder of Grard, Kansas, to arrive on the Santa Fe. The train was late and when she arrived the probate judge at Oklahoma City was roughhich would be more lucrative to him.

Newkirk Herald: As per call the county central committee of the Populist party met at Blackwell last Saturday. There was a large attendance and much interest was manifested. On the ques-tion of fusion, after the matter had been considered from all points, it was finally decided to refer the whole matter meeting of the electors in his district and have them vote on the question of whether or not they desire fusion at the oming elections in this county. step was taken for the reason that two years ago some complaint was he ause the committee arranged the terms of fusion without consulting the voters and this step is taken in order that the rank and file may say what their wishes are in this matter,

#### Along the Kansas Nile. The mean temperature of February was

even degrees below the average. Kansas has fifty-one daily papers, or more than Austria, Germany and Italy. Kausas, it is reported, gained in population in births over deaths last year 12,615.

It is said that all the state officers of Kansus started in life poor in purse, and are that way yet. Topeka Journal, is now working on the New York World,

Cy. Leland says: "They can talk Major Frank Armstrong, has received a

pension of \$35 a month, In some of the cuts of the Wichita and Western road this last week the

The national campaign in Kansas this year is not going to be a long one. The campaign of 1895 had begun in 1880. On March 6 a fusion banquet will be held at Hutchinson. The Tammany club of Wichita will send a delegation of 25. Dr. George H. Brown of Chanute was lected medical examiner for the A. O. J. W.. The position pays \$5,000 a year. The old settlers around Lawrence say the country roads in that vicinity are worse all the time than they were in

In Kingman county, in 1879, one teach er contracted to teach three months, at \$27.50 per month, payable "when taxes are

The picture of Miss Muriel Ingalis of trchison will soon appear in the Mun-ey Magazine in a series of "Types of A whole lot of people in Kansas cannot

decide whether Cy Leland's star is really deciling or whether it is simply that their telescope is out of fix. is simply that By watching London the boys of the

Twentieth Kansas can got some idea of the way this state anted when the news about them came in from the Philip

The fight on Long in the Hutchinson primaries didn't pan out. In the First ward the Long ticket won by a vate of To to 17, and to the Second ward by a The Frieco has been running an en-

gine with a snow plow between Beau mont, Kansas, and Blackwell, Okiahoma

Mort Albaugh doesn't believe that conof tests within the party for nominations weaken the party, election day. He says that Chris well be elected by the loggest majority ever given a Kansas congress-

Lawrence Journal: The Wichita Eagle intimates that the Topska Journal so ed the Leavenworth Mondke joints son as they were opened up again. T ried that it would be impossible for hadrant water paper like the State Son

Unually sleighing in Hanses lasts about aired somebody from those hours per winter. And That isn't the appromen on the streets last tight fell in time and did what his datable may to get, and after a good, long want she get into the sieigh. The form was correct and the double-tree brake. This is the residents of the (From the Atlanta Constitution.)

The first candidate rose and said: "I sleep; this morning. They were are fought for you, my friend, and today the from their slumbers by the fearth. cast side of town all look so sour at fought for you, my friend, and today the bones of my right arm are berching among the hills of Tembersee.

The second candidate followed with:

"My left leg, friends lies listless in the chidow of the Virginia vales."

"Both of my legs, and the third cardidate. "are in Mischestoph."

Then the fourth man rose and sold:

I went through the war without a sociated. Here are two strong arms to aphold your rights and two live legs to kick till you git 'em."

from their alumbers by the fourth wanted and double-tree. That whose stargs as there an hour waiting the arrival of a new one from fown, it came and the drive was commenced. Helf a block from the starting place the functory give also and the crowd had to your. They wrap-bed the functory of the riesp about them, red, line and gray quoing and drowned their series are too with the legs to be with the cover of the functory of the fourth red to the cover of the functory of the fourth of the crowd had to your. They wrap-bed the functory of the functory of the fourth red to the crowd had to your. They wrap-bed the functory of th

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